OFFICIAL NOTICE - NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on November 13th and 14th at the Holiday Motel in Sebring. The Holiday Motel is on U. S. #27 and 98 near the shopping center.

The cost of the room is $8.00 double. This is a special price to the Hibiscus Society so be sure to let them know you are with this group when making reservations. THIS PRICE IS ONLY GOOD IF YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BEFORE NOVEMBER FIRST. So do it now and save four bucks.

All members of the Society are welcome to attend these board meetings. Of course the voting members of the board should all be on hand. This includes the elected officers, chapter presidents, executive secretary, nomenclature co-ordinator, and all life members.

The plan is to have the Saturday evening meeting at Highlands Hammock State Park. The evening meal will be served there and the meeting held in the dining room. The meal will be catered and will cost either $1.45 or $1.95 depending on type or desert. This has not been worked out as yet. The main thing is that you make your reservation by November 1st so that we can get the lower price and so we will know how many meals to have ready. There is no restaurant on the park, only a snack bar, so you had better get your reservation in to the Motel. We will use these reservations to determine the number of meals to have ready.

The Sunday meeting will be held in the restaurant there at the Motel. We will eat breakfast there and go right into our meeting in their dining room.

Make your reservation with Jean Myers, Holiday Motel, U.S. 27 & 98, Sebring, Florida. Board members will receive a reservation blank in the mail soon. Be sure to use it before November first. See you in Sebring.



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# Hibiscus, Mallow, and Hollyhock

The family Malvaceae, the mallow family, is primarily a tropical one, but there are also a number of plants of horticultural and economic importance in temperate regions. The cotton plant, though originated in tropical regions, is now one of the important economic plants in many temperate countries. In eastern Asia, there are several plants of this family (Plate 7) that figure prominently as ornamental flowers (Hu, 1955).

## Hibiscus

Several species of *Hibiscus* are of Chinese origin and have long been cultivated as popular garden plants. These plants seem to have enjoyed an even greater popularity in the past than now. They were very frequently depicted in the paintings and praised in the poetry of the Sung and Ming dynasties.

These flowers enjoy special favor, apparently due to their autumn-flowering habit. They are treated in general horticultural works as well as in a number of special manuals on autumn flowers, a branch of floriculture much emphasized in the horticultural literature in China in the past.

The most celebrated species of *Hibiscus* in Chinese horticulture is *Hibiscus mutabilis*, the so-called cotton rose. The large white or pink flowers open early in the morning, turning to deep pink in the evening. There are single- or double-flowered forms in